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Organizations shed light on bullying

Numerous tragedies spark national awareness campaigns

ALEX RASH

News Editor

Editor's Note: Bullying affects thousands everyday and is an issue that can end with fatal results. The following names have been changed to protect the identities of the people involved.

It was a Tuesday night when Jake Davidson called his friends and, with a serious tone, told them not to come to school in the morning. After years of struggling with his identity and the bullying that accompanied it, he decided that there was one way that he could free himself of his tormentors.

Early Wednesday morning Davidson was awakened by a hard knock at his front door. On his doorstep stood local law enforcement holding a search warrant for his home. He stood in the background with a blank expression on his face as authorities dismantled his room. In his dresser drawer was a crumpled piece of notebook paper listing people at his school that he wanted dead and a loaded gun lay nearby.

According to Make Beats Not Beat Downs, revenge is the strongest motivation for school shootings, and 86 percent of students said other kids picking on them, making fun of them and bullying them" causes teenagers to turn to lethal violence.

MBNBD is a non-profit organization that works to raise awareness of bullying nationwide. The organization has partnered with many bands, including Cartel and Saosin, in a vow to give bully victims a voice.

'We've seen various specific instances where bullying was taken to such an extreme that a person lost their life - that's as dangerous as it gets," Ashlee James, Maryville High School counselor, said. "We've seen a number of school shootings prompted by it."

Luckily this incident wasn't one of the many that gets overlooked, saving the small community and its residents from falling into the statistic that says harassment and bullying have been linked to 75 percent of schoolshooting incidents.

Davidson's former friend, junior Kelly Bryan, said that she remembers him being socially awkward, but always upbeat. Bryan admits

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DESIGN | WENDY WHELAN

University hosts 'Enough is Enough Week' against violence

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Missourian Reporter

Sexual abuse crimes are one of the most under-reported acts of violence; 54 percent of all sexual abuse crimes are never reported to law enforcement, according to the Rape Abuse and Incest National Network.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness month, and Northwest's Coalition Against Violence is educating both students and community members about violence through their Enough is Enough Week.

"It is a national event to raise awareness," Jennifer Kennymore, health educator, said. "We want to take a stand and say we have had enough violence on campuses and in communities."

The Enough is Enough Week not only raises awareness about sexual abuse, but also about violence as a whole.

Enough is Enough is meant to spread information and resources avalible," senior Destinee Biesemeyer said. "Also to help

people feel empowered to step up for yourself, friends and even strangers.

Violence is usually thought of as abuse toward a human; however, violent acts can also involve abuse of animals and other living beings, according to Kennymore.

To me, violence is any unwanted action between a girlfriend and boyfriend, friends, strangers and spouses that is unwanted and undeserved," Biesemeyer said.

There are many resources available for those who have been abused or want to help protect themselves and others from violent acts.

"The Lighthouse Project website, rainn. org and nsvrc.org all have good resources about violence," Kennymore said. "The CAV is also a great way for students to get involved and help prevent violence on campus and within the community."

"The Coalition Against Violence is a great way to get involved," Kennymore said. Together we can break the silence about violence."



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Jahnisha Robertson, Malikia McCartey, and Kyana Hampton decorate t-shirts for the "Enough is Enough" campaign against violence on Monday, April 2. Robertson, McCartey and Hampton decorated their t-shirt to say "Make Love Not Violence" for the campaign.

Northwest enrollment strategies recognized

ASHLEY HERRING

Assistant News Editor

For the Northwest enrollment management team, this year's Missouri ACT State Organization Conference was an especially rewarding event, as the team was chosen as the 2012 recipient of the ShowMe

The ShowMe Award recognizes secondary or post-secondary institutions' use of ACT programs and data to address student needs and improve student learning.

ACT provides research information and strategies for improving recruitment, retention and advisement with the goal of helping students to find the right college or university and helping them to be successful while they are there as well as after they leave.

Tammi Grow, associate director of admissions for the University, said that Northwest was recognized because of their overall use of ACT products in the areas of recruitment,

advisement and retention. "We use it (ACT data and programs) for different areas," Grow said. "We use it some for admissions, but then we use it for advisement purposes, and in recruitment as well because some of the profile data we receive through ACT we use to give a specific message to a student. For example, if they put that they have an interest in fraternities or sororities on their ACT profile, we have a letter that we send out to them about that. We have similar things for intramural sports and mass communication."

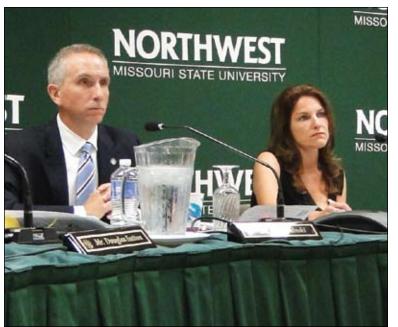
The access to ACT data also enables the University to take a personalized approach to recruiting and advising students. Financial information allows Northwest to specifically target students that would benefit from certain scholarships the University offers. Personalized letters and email messages that market Northwest to prospective students are sent out based on the students' interests shown in their ACT pro-

"It allows us to achieve personalization and talk to students about things that truly interest them," Bev Schenkel, dean of enrollment management, said. "Then that allows us to gain efficiencies - time and fiscal efficiencies for admissions opera-

The ACT website states that by using research-based data, enrollment, advisement and course placement can more directly match the academic level that the students are at and measure their success throughout their college careers.

ACT makes data available to secondary and post-secondary institutions through AIM, a computer software that stores information gathered from students when they take the organization's standardized test. The information in AIM is available to institutions through the Edu-

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ANDREW BENSON | NW MISSOURIAN

President John Jasinski and Board of Regents chairwoman Lydia Hurst listen to the finance committees proposal of three precent tuition increase for next year. The Board of Regents approved the proposal at their meeting March 29.

Regents make decision on budget proposal

TREY WILLIAMS

Editor-in-Chief

Last week all of the discussions came to an end. In its March meeting, the Board of Regents put an end to all the back and forth between University administration and the rest of campus approving increases for tuition, room and board, new student fees and the heavily discussed department realignments.

The regents came into the meeting with an agenda and their minds set to stick to it. Decisions were made with efficiency and little discussion.

"In the end, I feel like we need to support the proposal," Regent Mark Hargens said as the board began their brief discussion on tuition, room and board and fee increases.

Tuition for undergraduates will increase by \$7.01 per credit hour for in-state students and \$15.20 per credit hour for out-of-state students.

Student Senate voted prior to the Board of Regents meeting to increase the capital improvement fee by \$2 per credit hour and institute a 50 cents per credit hour sustainability fee. The board approved the proposal unani-

"Not all the decisions are easy decisions, but I think as you go through the process and get through each year's cycle, you understand what kinds of education is needed," President John Jasisnki said. "Giving a heads up on issues, using-in our case-board committees differently than perhaps ever before."

As Jasinski said, these were not easy decisions taken lightly. He emphasized that the thought that went behind the decisions put students first.

"As you look at tuition, room, board and fees, one of things we communicated early on, actually when I came in a few years ago, is that we need to focus on affordability, on accessibility and on the quality of the Northwest experience," Jasinski said. "We've said that we wouldn't put the budget cuts and any of our initiatives on the backs of students, and I want to make sure I clarify that.

"It doesn't mean that we're just going to hold cost at zero percent increases and not have any tuition or room and board increases, but we're not just going to go to the other side and say 'hey, all of our initiatives and all budget cuts will be shouldered by the students and the students only. Those are the two extremes—no increases or all in-

Much like the decision to raise tuition, fees and room and board, the decision to approve the department re-

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CROHN'S WALK



KIRA NORTHROP I NW MISSOURIAN

Shelby Culver walks with her mom, Janet Culver, and friend, Kristen Cavaliere, during the Crohn's walk on Sunday. Shelby is one of the sisters with the disease.

Northwest joins in Earth Hour

EMILY DEMAREA

Chief Reporter

To anyone who may have noticed a few lights out at the Northwest campus last weekend, the so-called power outage was actually intentional.

The University participated in a global Earth Hour last Saturday. Starting in Sydney, people all over the world turned off their power for at least 60 minutes in an effort to save energy.

As sustainability coordinator for the University, John Viau's job is to foster environmental ideas from students, faculty, staff and the health department. He also turns those ideas into projects that are environmentally friendly to the University.

Turning out the International Flag Plaza really demonstrates the University's solidarity globally," Viau said. "That's our connection with the rest of the world."

Viau said the monthly electric bill for campus is more than \$100,000. The Forest Village Apartments and Hudson and Perrin Halls are not included in that figure; they require a separate electric bill.

Viau said that more than energy conservation however, the event was held in order to raise awareness and make people ask questions.

"Instead of those bright lights, we had a single candle up and down the plaza," he said. "It really brought a lot of attention from people walking through on campus. Cars would stop and just look."

To publicize the global event on campus, Viau said Students Taking Action at Northwest for Developing Sustainability took advantage of the electronic poster system in residence halls, The Station and around campus. Also, STANDS used word of mouth, the activities calendar and a media release.

STANDS treasurer, Brianna Harbison, said the turnout could be better next year.

"I would like to get more people to realize this is important," she said.

Viau agreed the event helped contribute to Earth Hour, but said despite these efforts, the participation still could have been a bigger event on campus.

"We didn't get out to the IIC (Intercultural International Center) or to Student Senate, but it's a learning experience for Environmental Services to really reach out to students."

Fishing club puts on annual tournament

AMANDA SCHULTE-SMITH

Managing Editor

Northwest students are taking part in a little friendly competition this holiday weekend, as the Northwest Fishing Club hosts the third annual Bearcat Open Saturday on Mozingo Lake.

Founded in 2009, the Northwest Fishing Club makes it a goal to educate students about fishing while allowing them to tap into their own personal interests.

"We bring in professionals from the community to come in and demonstrate different skills to us," Ben Schilmoeller, the public relations chairman, said. "Right now we are focusing on bass fishing since that is what type of fish will be in the tournament."

While this is the club's third tournament, Schilmoeller says it is exciting because there are so many schools from around the area com-

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Spradling receives Governor's Award

PHILIP GRUENWALD

Opinion Editor

Carol Spradling, associate professor of computer science and information systems, claims that teamwork and inter-disciplinary programs are the future of Northwest. As of Wednesday, Spradling had the hardware to back up that claim: the 2012 Governor's Award for Excellence in Education.

Spradling received the award from Gov. Jay Nixon in Columbia April 4. She was joined by President John Jasinski, Provost Doug Dunham, Greg Haddock, acting Dean of the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies, Philip Heeler, chairman of the computer science and information systems department and Northwest art professor Kim Spradling, Carol's husband.

Governor's Award recipients are nominated by their peers, which suggests a high respect for Spradling, according to Dunham. Spradling, though, credits the very team

with which her award-winning work was given.

"I need to give credit for the fact that in my department, a lot of the work we do is in teams," Spradling said. "So I've always felt like this should be a team award instead of an individual award. I think I just happened to be the person who was singled out in my department because a lot of the work I do is with teams in my department."

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Weekend Events Friday, April 6

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Horace Mann Book Fair 7:45 a.m. at Horace Mann

Baseball vs. Missouri Western 1 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field Softball vs. Southwest Baptist 2 p.m. at Bearcat Softball Field

First Fridays Service Projects 3 p.m. at Newman Center

Baseball vs. Missouri Western 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field

Northwest Dance Company Spring 7:30 p.m. at Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts

Saturday, April 7

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Alpha Week 2012

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Community Service

Cat Crew Recruitment

Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt 10 a.m. at Donaldson Westside Park Baseball vs. Missouri Western 1 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field

Phi Delta Theta Easter Egg Hunt 1 p.m. at Beal Park

Softball vs. Central Missouri State 1 p.m. at Bearcat Softball Field

Baseball vs. Missouri Western 3:30 p.m. at Bearcat Baseball Field

Sunday, April 8

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New bill protects religious freedom

ASHLEY HERRING

Missourian Reporter

Across the country, people and organizations have been speaking out against the United States Department of Health and Human Services' contraceptive mandate. With the approval of Senate Bill 749 Thursday March 29, the Missouri Senate is standing up to protect religious freedom.

Senate Bill 749, sponsored by Sen. John Lamping, states that "No employer, health plan provider, health plan sponsor, health care provider, or any other person or entity shall be compelled to provide coverage for, or be discriminated against or penalized for declining or refusing coverage for, abortion, contraception, or sterilization in a health plan if such items or procedures are contrary to the religious beliefs or moral convictions of such employer, health plan provider, health plan sponsor, health care provider, person, or entity." The bill extends this same protection to employees and selfemployed individuals.

This act is grounded in one of the rights on which the United States was founded: religious freedom. If approved, it would allow employers

and health care providers to refuse coverage for contraception, sterilization and abortion on the basis of religious beliefs or moral obligations, according to the office of Sen.

The Missouri Catholic Conference joined Missouri Baptist Convention and Missouri Right to Life in promotion of a rally last month that spoke out against HHS mandate.

"Missouri will not wait for Congress to act," Mike Hoey, executive director of the MCC, said in a mocatholic.org news release. "Missouri is taking the lead among the states in saying 'NO' to the new federal man-

According to the release, Hoey stated, "SB 749 will offer a way to make it known to Congress that Missouri citizens will not tolerate the loss of their religious liberties."

As of 2001, Missouri law requires health care coverage providers to include coverage for contraceptives with the exception of those that induce abortion. Companies owned and operated by religious-based entities are exempt from this law, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures' website. However, companies with a religious affiliation will not be exempt from the law if the medicine is for a diagnosed medical condition. For example, if a sterilization procedure were necessary to keep a genetic disorder from being passed on.

Senate Bill 749 will not change Missouri's current law. Rather, it would extend the law to include abortion and sterilization and generalize it to employers, according to the office of Sen. Lamping.

Sen. Lamping's office explained that the proposed bill is not attacking women's rights by stating that women will still be able to obtain contraceptives and medical procedures, including sterilizations and abortions, if the act is approved. What could change is who will pay

The Missouri House approved a separate bill that would permit health care workers to refuse to participate in medical procedures that violate their religious beliefs such as abortions, sterilizations and embryonic stem cell research, according to 971knim.com.

Missouri is one of 21 states that allows employers and insurance companies exemption from offering health care coverage for contraceptives on the basis of religious beliefs, according to NCSL.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

The sign that sits on South Main and Highway V was destroyed in the August hail storm. Residents plan on replacing the it with a new welcome sign.

Sign damaged during hail storm set to be replaced

JENNA ANTHONY

Missourian Reporter

Maryville residents and visitors will soon be greeted by a new sign welcoming them to the city. The new sign will replace the original welcome sign damaged during a storm last fall.

'The last sign was at South Main and Highway V," City Manager Greg McDanel said. "It was actually destroyed in the August 2011 hail storm."

McDanel, According Maryville's size has increased since the former sign was put in place, causing the new sign's projected placement to be farther south toward the Suzuki plant.

"The sign will be placed farther south around the intersection on Main and 71," council member Shawn Wake said.

The new sign's purpose will be to offer a greeting to those travel-

'The welcome sign provides an entry appearance to our community; it is what is called a gateway enhancement," McDanel said. The welcome sign's appear-

ance and placement are not confirmed at this point. According to Wake, the City Council just placed a request for qualifications.

'We will put out a request for qualifications, which allows us to hire a consultant to help us design so we can build the sign," McDanel said. "We will get together and decide which company best fits what we are looking for and help design the sign."

The design, drawn up by the chosen company and City Council, will also be open to ideas from community members.

'We are wanting response from the community about the look and placement of the sign," McDanel said. "Hopefully by the fall we will have something up in the area."



EUGENE FIELD ELEMENTARY AUTISM AWARENESS

LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Second grade students released their balloons in honor of Autism awareness and cheered as they drifted away on Monday at Eugene Field Elementary Autism Awareness Balloon Launch.



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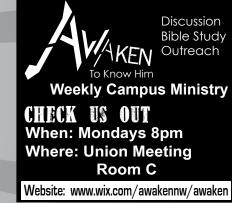
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In the above scenario, bullies are shown giving physical abuse and verbal harassment in the form of laughter. Both of these bullying forms can lead to long-lasting emotional trauma for students, which is why New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's anti-bullying initiative centers on models of clear communication.

OUR VIEW: BULLYING

Victory in reported abuse cases

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie's tough anti-bullying initiative has cost \$2 million since it was put into action in August. The comprehensive plan includes awareness programs, workshops and new communication methods for anyone directly involved with K-12 education.

To date, less than half of the complaints reported through the new program have been found as violating harassment, intimidation and bullying rules. At one high school, only five cases out of 16 reported between September and December violated HIB rules. Opponents of Christie's bill, citing these inconclusive results, say that it has only put more paperwork on the to-do list of teachers and school administrators.

Taking a look at that statistic in a different way, one sees the value of Christie's bill. Sixteen reported cases in one school over three months mean that people are taking an active stance on reporting harassment. Bullying, like sexual violence, will continually plague victims who do not or cannot tell someone about what is happening to them. The New Jersey example is a monumental (albeit expensive) victory for bullying victims.

Throughout the rest of the country, a controversially explicit bullying documentary has brought attention to the issue. The documentary tells the stories of five bullying victims.

Because the scenarios are common enough to occur anywhere, though, the movie really tells the story of the estimated 13 million children who will be bullied in America this year.

An edited PG-13 version will great news for schools of kids who can now legally watch a movie depicting situations they face every day. This movie needs to be seen, and other states need to adopt antibullying strategies similar to the one in New Jersey. The point here is to get vocal about each instance of bullying, no matter how trivial it may seem. With the bulk of today's bullying happening on private computer screens, the need for communication has never been higher.

CAMPUS TALK

Is physical or verbal abuse more harmful for students?

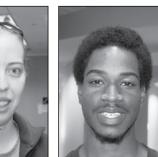


"It would probably be Internet bullying. It happens regardless of whether someone intends to or not, and that's probably the biggest problem, is misinterpretation of what people mean.'

Jacob Peace Psychology and Sociology

"I think we've definitely seen a trend in verbal bullying. It's definitely something we need to be aware of and not brush it off, like 'kids will be kids' or 'boys will be boys.'"

Christine Rahorst Spanish Education



"Cyberbullying is new, so I don't think it has grown to overshadow the normal, physical bullying. They're growing to be even, but physical is probably still more harmful for kids growing up now."

Carlton Myles **Business Management**



"Psychological bullying is more harmful in the long run than physical because I think emotions are harder to control... it's picking on your character, rather than physically pushing someone."

> Lauren Falkner Family and Child Studies



"I would say that it's probably more of the verbal. I don't know, but I'm pretty sure that mostly harassment is going to affect them more than physically beating them up."

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Individual mandate not the evil it seems



Concerning the editorial piece in last week's paper, Philip Gruenwald writes that, "The individual mandate, within Obamacare alone, has the potential to compromise essential freedoms outlined in the Bill of Rights, even if the recent contraceptive debate is settled justly."

The individual mandate within the health care reform law known as "Ohamacare" comes nowhere near having to do with the Bill of Rights. Looking at the Bill of Rights, I cannot find a section that outlines the inability of the federal government to mandate people to buy health insurance. The Bill of Rights ensures that the federal government does not take away liberties such as the right to bear arms, freedom of

speech, assembly, religion and protection from unreasonable searches and seizures, but the first ten amendments do not even mention the words "individual mandate."

To make a case that it compromises any freedoms that are in the Bill of Rights is to make an invalid case because there is nothing to support it. The mandate does raise questions about Congress' ability to regulate commerce granted under the Commerce Clause in the Constitution, but it does not have anything to do with the Bill of

To drag on the contraception argument is also futile when discussing the health care bill. The arguments that took place in previous months were concerning what the insurance provider was responsible for covering; it did not pertain to the individual mandate.

What many do not realize is that the idea of an individual mandate is a conservative idea that was proposed in 1993 by a conservative think tank, the Heritage Foundation. It was introduced by many GOP senators who now oppose it because it carries the Obama moniker. Under the current, unsustainable system, if an uninsured patient goes to the emergency room but cannot pay for care, taxpayers have to support that medical care.

That costs more and more each year, but under the new mandate, those unable to pay before would now have insurance and would not be a burden on society. The concept is conservative in the way it endorses personal responsibility and not providing for those who do not put any effort into society.

The Supreme Court has until June to rule on this case, as the court's term ends in June, not July or August. Whether you support or oppose Obamacare, it is a weak argument to pull the "freedom" card because it does not limit the freedoms granted in the Bill of Rights.

WHAT THE DEUCE: CHECKPOINTS Northwest chooses to enforce unfortunately legal checkpoints

PHILIP GRUENWALD

Opinion Editor

What emotion comes to mind when you think about drunken driving? Anger, like the Mothers Against Drunk Driving organization? Fear of the long arm of the law? Or disgust, knowing that the selfish acts of the few negatively impact the rest of us?

Northwest's Safe Ride Home program has cut drunken driving incidents to a fraction of what they were before the program began. Now, in another effort to quell drunken driving incidents on campus, Northwest announced March 29 that the University Police Department will conduct sobriety checkpoints on campus during April.

Sobriety checkpoints make defenders of individual liberty uneasy. They instill in us an Orwellian fear, not unlike the emotion summoned by the 10th Amendment-violating Obamacare, which should be settled in state courts.

Police officers serving and protecting is fine and good, but the nature behind sobriety checkpoints feels more fascist than friendly: screening innocent passers-by for indications (such as drunken behavior), diverting suspicious motorists to another police officer, who then runs tests for probable cause, and then finally making an arrest. The classic quote attributed to Benjamin Franklin comes to mind: "They who would give up essential liberty to obtain temporary safety deserve neither liberty nor safety." Shouldn't we have a right to drive without fear of quasiunreasonable seizure?

If Americans ever did have that right, we surrendered it years ago through chronic, alcohol-related driving fatalities. A few historic court cases later, sobriety checkpoints are legal under federal and most state constitutions. Missouri is one of 38 states currently practicing sobriety checkpoints, according to the Governors Highway Safety Association. Also legal in Missouri is probable cause for a seizure after making a U-turn to avoid a sobriety checkpoint (Oughton v. Director of Revenue, 1996) and signs cautioning a decoy checkpoint, wherein motorists find themselves caught in the actual checkpoint at the next exit (Missouri v Mack, 2002).

Similarly, Northwest's University Police would not introduce sobriety checkpoints just for kicks. Our DWI/DUI cases are low, but they still exist. Safe Ride is widely used, but members of our student body still try to drive "tipsy," jeopardizing their lives and those of other Bearcats enjoying the nightlife. Once again, a few wrongdoers ruined it for the rest of us, and we are resigned to driving with the fear of sobriety checkpoints.

Hour-long wait times notwithstanding, Safe Ride and the Christian Campus House's new, social media friendly Maryville DD are the best way to avoid a bad end to a good night. They may enjoy a new surge in popularity, seeing as properly labeled vehicles can probably cruise through sobriety stops. I urge everyone else to power through this necessary evil special treatment for a few selfish, drunken cretins burdening a liberty-seeking society.

Alcohol-related auto

fatalities

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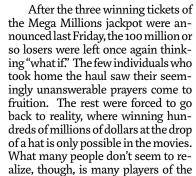
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42%

sources: ghsa.org, alcoholalert.com

Mega Millions suckers in the masses yet again





obstacles that stand in front of them. According to Daily Finance, 21 percent of Americans agree with the following statement: "Winning the lottery represents the most practical

lottery who believe they will win are

in denial, given the insurmountable

way [for me] to accumulate several hundred thousand dollars." For even one-fifth of this country's people to believe this is alarming, considering that almost \$1.5 billion was spent on this particular lottery since the last big winner emerged in January. The money that people spent on this lottery could have been used to invest in things that have more of a chance of dishing out a return, as opposed to the Mega Millions, whose odds of winning are very low to say the least.

At 1 in 176 million, the odds of hitting the jackpot are one of the lowest a lottery player has ever faced. When one looks at the laughable things more likely to happen than winning the Mega Millions, the harsh truth begins to set in. According to The Daily Beast, you are more likely to be killed by a vending machine, with odds at around 1 in 112 million. You are also more likely to have identical quadruplets, die from bee stings, or get struck by lightning than hitting the jackpot.

Don't get me wrong. There is nothing wrong with throwing down a measly dollar or two when the huge jackpot drawing rolls around. There is, however, something to be condemned when people whose families are struggling to make ends meet are spending hundreds of dollars a month on the off chance that they may pull off the impossible. In a time when gas and food prices are rising and public debt shows no sign of dropping, people don't need to throw their money into the furnace that is the American lottery.

While I am aware that the proceeds from the lottery go to many beneficial programs and causes, it is raising that money in a game that banks off of an individual's frivolous spending habits and false sense of hope. The state shouldn't be fundraising through a gambling game that fuels such a massive hysteria among Americans.

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Drunk driving and sobriety checkpoints, by state

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6-10

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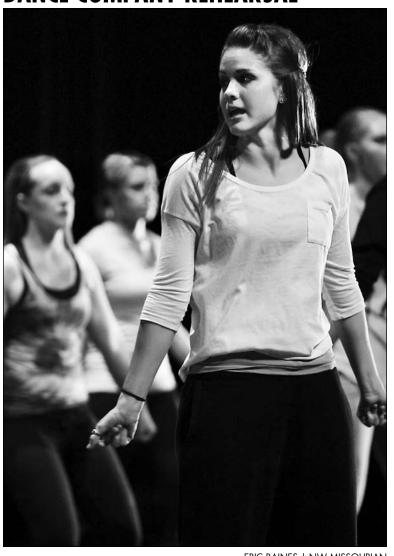
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Corrections for last week's Missourian

In a story about the Crohn's Walk in last week's edition of The Northwest Missourian, we referred to Crohn's and Colitis as IBD and defined it as irritable bowel syndrome. IBD is actually inflammatory bowel disease.

According to the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, IBS is classified as a functional gastrointestinal disorder, meaning there is a disturbance in bowel function. People with IBS are also more likely to have fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue syndrome, chronic pelvic pain or temporomandibular joint disorder.

DANCE COMPANY REHEARSAL



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Senior Nichole Lieb choreographs a dance for the Northwest Dance Company. At 7:30 p.m. Friday the Northwest Dance Company Presents "Let our Body do the Talking," at the Ron Houston Center for Performing Arts.

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peting this year.

FISHING

'This year we have teams coming from Mizzou and Nebraska while also having our own teams that will fish," Schilmoeller said.

The tournament will begin at 7 a.m. and weigh-in is at 3 p.m. The cost of the tournament will be \$50 per boat and \$60 the day of; there is no limit to the number of teams. So far, there are seven registered teams in the tournament, but any student can join.

"We're just looking forward to competing in the tournament this year and hope to catch some good fish," Andrew Nordbye, the tournament director for the club, said.

With the tournament being open to any student, Schilmoeller says he hopes this will spark interest in those thinking about joining the club. He says that the club of about 45 members is just a fun way to get further into your hobby and can appeal to anyone.

"The meetings are the most fun

because you get to learn a lot of different things about fishing," Schilmoeller said.

The Northwest Fishing Club meets weekly on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in Colden Hall 3800. Schilmoeller says meetings are open to any student interested in learning more about fishing.

It's a fun time to just hang out with people with a common interest," Schilmoeller said. "It really is fun to fish; it's relaxing, and we try to cater to the common angler and the tournament side too."

SPRADLING

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Spradling led four other faculty members who pushed for the implementation of Knacktive, a culmination of multi-departmental studies and course work disguised as an inhouse, student-led agency. Now in its second year, Knacktive is what Dunham describes as an example of the kind of engaging educational experience Northwest is moving toward.

"Approaches like that are so important because that's what the real orld is like." Dunham said, "We aren't going to go out there and be isolated in a silo and do only science or only music... We've got to be able to understand things from different perspectives."

Dunham also believes that Spradling's commitment to her students and high yet realistic expectations are what prompted her colleagues to nominate her for the award. Since joining Northwest in 1988, Spradling has coached students through course work in the computer science department. She has also focused on computer science-related research, earning the 2010 Dean's Award for Academic Research.

Spradling joins the ranks of ner Northwest faculty who have received the annual award, including April Haberyan, last year's winner.

She believes that these outstanding educators have a common theme of teamwork that led them to their recognition.

"When I found out I had won the award. I went and looked at the individuals who had won the award," Spradling said. "And if you look in the past, there's some really fine, outstanding people who have done work either in teams or recognized for work they have done individually.

'Additionally, if you look at the direction Northwest is going, the University has an initiative to do inner disciplinary or interdisciplinary work, and so I'm thrilled that they're recognizing that as something they think is important."

BULLYING

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that a lot of people bullied him, at times maliciously and other times accidentally, but all of the situations were taken lightly and pushed to the side.

"I tried to be nice to him because he was my friend, but I never went out of my way to stand up for him, which is really sad," Bryan said. "Teachers saw it; some of them joined in whether it was with laughter or their own comments. No one took it seriously, but I guess you have to be on the other side to know how much it hurts, and we weren't on the other side... we were all pretty blind.

"I think people judging him for what he wore and how he acted, since it differed, probably just irritated him to a point where he couldn't handle being around those people anymore and decided to do something about it."

Davidson was sent to a juvenile retention center until he was 18. He never returned to the school that harbored his bullies, not even to reconcile with old friends.

"I haven't talked to him in a while, but I remember he was lost. You could tell that he wasn't quite sure who he was. Every other day he was a new stereotype; he bounced from hick, to emo, to gangster, and he caught a lot of ridicule for that," Bryan said. "I guess after awhile, the only thing worse than his identity crisis was constantly being made fun of for

According to MBNBD, one in seven students in grades K-12 is being bullied or is a bully.

The new movie "Bully," a documentary that hit theaters March 30, uses the cinema to reach a large audience with its platform to stop bullying. The Bully Project, the campaign that promotes the film, urges people everywhere to take notice of the issue, saying "it is not a phase children have to go through, it is not 'just messing around' and it is not something we just grow out of. Bullying can cause serious and lasting harm."

According to The Bully Project, 13 million kids in America will be bullied this year, which makes it the most common form of violence experienced by young people in the nation.

(Bullying) can give (people who endure it) a sense of worthlessness and can lower their selfesteem, and as a result, they could make poor decisions about their personal health and their personal lives," James said. "It certainly does damage (their) self-image and self-worth."

The National Education Association found that an estimated 160,000 children miss school everyday because they fear being attacked or intimidated by other students.

With high profile cases, such as Columbine, the 2007 Virginia Tech Massacre and the Oakland School Shooting on April 3, which resulted in the death of 6 people, bullying has moved from a subject not often talked about to a subject of nationwide concern.

"I lost my friend that day," Bryan said. "I know it could have been a lot worse, and I am thankful that it wasn't, but I think if someone would have stepped up it could have ended a lot better too."

SHOWME

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cational Opportunity Service. EOS allows schools to purchase names of students they think could be prospective students for Northwest based on the data from their ACT or PLAN assessment information.

"A lot of times we are a good fit for lots of students, but they may not have awareness of our school," Schenkel said. "The EOS names are a way for us to introduce Northwest's name to younger students to begin a conversation.

The students rank the schools they're interested in on their ACT profiles. This is referred to as college choice and is a driving factor in the recruitment of students. For those students who rank Northwest as their top choice, 53 percent enroll at the University. For those who rank Northwest as their fourth or fifth choice, only 18 percent en-

After a student has enrolled at Northwest, ACT data and programs continue to be helpful in advisement, course placement, career nath guidance and financial need

Schenkel said that she hopes to see Northwest continue to use ACT data and tools to grow and develop the initiatives that have been started and continue to personalize the University's programs to the students.

"I think, in the area of student retention, we could focus on this a little bit more," Schenkel said. "It becomes more decentralized. It is more than just the admissions team; it is the advisors on campus. If you don't work with it on a routine basis, it is easy to forget that you have this (ACT data) available to you."

Schenkel continued to explain how this data could help with the career advisement for first and second year Northwest students.

We are looking at our Office of Career Services to see how this information can be integrated into their database and the information that they already have available to them," Schenkel said. "It is looking at the interest inventory, looking at those natural skill sets, and saying here's what you can do in this career field that maybe you haven't thought about?

The ShowMe Award recognizes one secondary or post-secondary institution each year, and this is Northwest's first time receiving the

TUITION

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alignments and the elimination of the Family Consumer Sciences Bachelor of Science in Education was met with no opposition and little discussion. The board applauded the reduction in force committee along with the Northwest Leadership Team for their work on the pro-

"For many to most of our students, I don't think the changes will be noticeable, relative to our department realignments for example," Jasinski said. "Don't get me wrong, there's a lot of work that goes into it, but from a student's point-of-view, you're going to show up, you're going to interact with your adviser and your faculty members and be in tune, in touch with your curriculum, so we think that change won't be too dramatic at all."

The board's most recent meeting also saw the emergence of freshman Ashton Raffety. Raffety is the newest member to the board, serving as

the student regent. Participating in his first meeting, Raffety made sure students' thoughts, interests and opinions were voiced.

Well, I just hope to represent the student body well, take what they want and relay that to the Board of Regents," Raffety said. "I think our students will understand (the cuts that needed to be made); it's going to happen no matter what, and it comes down to the choices—are we going to raise tuition for everybody or are we going to cut three majors that are essential to the University? I

think it's unanimous that we want to keep the programs that we have and not lose any more like the FCS."

Looking forward to next year and an always-lurking possibility of further short comings, the University plans to focus on remaining competitive with the students in mind.

"We're very, very competitive when you factor in textbooks, the textbook rental program, the laptop program and the overall cost of (tuition)," Jasinski said. "To retain the expectation of the excellence that we have provided to do that moving forward, we have to be a bit careful because we're strapped. We're in the very, very efficient mode with regard to staffing levels; we've cut operations to the bare bones. We've done all of the things that I think taxpayers should expect of us, but we're at a point now where we're moving into programs and services and people, and that's excruciating.

"I think we have to have very, very poignant discussions about what we mean when we say we value higher education; we have to put actions, words and support levels together."

Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Michael L. O'Connor, 29, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 400 block West Ninth

Carl J. Stafford, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with failure to obey a school bus stop sign at 1400 block North Country Club Road.

Jalesa R. Watson, 19, Maryville, Mo., Dominique R. Hall, Maryville, Mo., and Khalida C. Ali, 20, Maryville, Mo., were charged with larceny at 1600 block South Main. Hall was also charged with possession of drug paraphernalia.

An accident occurred between Miles A. Mitchell, 21, Tarkio, Mo., and Jared K. Rogers, Maryville, Mo., at 400 block North Main Street. Mitchell was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

March 26

There is an ongoing investigation of burglary at 700 block North Walnut. There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 400 block w Seventh Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 600 block South Main.

An accident occurred between Oliver D. Brandgaard, 20, Kansas City, Mo., and Alfred F. Wilmes, 81, Maryville, Mo., at 1400 block South Main.

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 1100 block East First Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 1100 block North College Drive.

March 24

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 1100 block East First Street.

An accident occurred between Leanna S. Emery, 38, Albany, Mo., and Joseph A. Chaney, Maryville, Mo., at 600 block South Mulberry.

A structure fire was reported at 33000 block State Highway H.

March 23

Miscellaneous property was recovered at 300 block North Hester.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 500 block East Davidson Square.

An accident occurred between Sean M. Young, 22, Maryville, Mo., and Jonathan D. Wilmes, 22, Maryville, Mo., at West Fourth Street and North Buchanan.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny at 600 block East Fourth Street.

There is an ongoing investigation of larceny from a motor vehicle at 500 block East Davidson Square.

March 21

There is an ongoing investigation of identity theft at 1200 block Forest.

Alaina L. Orban, 19, Maryville, Mo., was arrested on a warrant for failure to appear at 400 block North Market.

A bicycle was recovered at 1400 block North Country Club Drive.

A bicycle was recovered at 1500 block North Mulberry.

March 18

Michael S. Webster, 22, Maryville, Mo., was charged with peace disturbance and disorderly conduct at 700 block South Laura.

March 17

A vehicle fire was reported at 700 block East 14th Street.

An accident occurred between David M. Steiner, 16, Maryville, Mo., and Destinee N. Biesemeyer, 23, Maryville, Mo., at North Country Club Road. Steiner was issued a citation for careless and imprudent driving.

An accident occurred between Cijay M. Smith, 20, Maryville, Mo., and Shelby M. Bever, 20, Maryville, Mo., at 500 block South Main.

March 12

There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at 700 block North Mulberry.

There is an ongoing investigation of

larceny at 400 block West 2nd Street.

Lost or stolen cell phone and keys were reported at 700 block West Thompson.

March 10 A hay bale fire was reported at

Highway FF and 220th Street.

A grass fire was reported at 25000 block 240th Street.

March 9 A grass fire was reported at 27000

block Liberty Road.

A grass fire was reported at 32000 block U.S. Highway 136.

Christopher J. Rodgers, 20, Maryville, Mo., Madeline R. Thibault, 20, Maryville, Mo., Noah S. Stoll, 20, Maryville, Mo., Marion M. Holden, 20, Maryville, Mo., Andrew R. Godwin, 19, Maryville, Mo., and Paige A. Malinowski, 19, Maryville, Mo., were charged with minor in possession at 300 block North Buchanan. Rodgers was also charged with littering.

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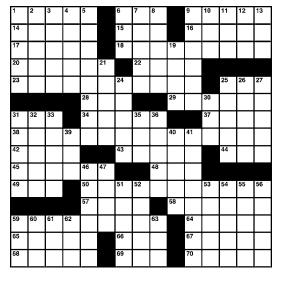
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Horoscopes:

Today's Birthday (04/05/12). The communication rivers are flowing! You may find yourself floating downstream en route to adventures of the academically, spiritually and physically enlightening kind. Your people are your focus this year, with career and prosperity building. Infuse it all with love.

Aries (March 21-April 19) -- Today is a 7 -- When in doubt, get a second opinion. There could be a change in plans, so take care. Compromise so that everyone wins. Let love be the determining factor. Relax.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) -- Today is an 8 -- Focus on making money for the next few days, as work comes pouring in. Handle old business to make way for new creative projects. Express your affection with artistry.

Gemini (May 21-June 21) -- Today is an 8 -- You're entering a two-day creative cycle ... very romantic! Accept a bonus. Disagreement inspires imagination. Disappointments in love can be artistic

Cancer (June 22-July 22) -- Today is an 8 -- Constant interaction is beneficial today. The environment is right for making changes at home, and things could get busy. Accept contributions. Give thanks.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You really get into your studies now. Exploration and research become tantalizing. Love shines through. A quiet night with a movie could be delicious.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) -- Today is an 8 -- You're entering a two-day potential spending spree, so take care. The money's available, and you may need it later for home repair. Evaluate a crazy suggestion.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) -- Today is a 7 -- Don't say it all yet. It isn't what you thought. You're confident now, with power increasing. Neatness counts. Check

for errors and changes. Things may not go as planned.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) -- Today is a 7 -- Slow down and think it over. The next two days are good for treasure hunting. Complete old tasks, and conserve resources without sacrifice. Love

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) -- Today is a 6 -- Make sure you're schedule is up to date. You're in high demand among your friends; listen to their advice. You may have to adapt as you go.

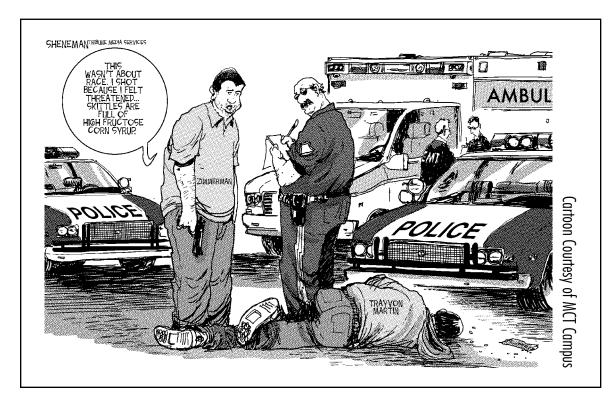
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) -- Today is

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a 6 -- The road ahead may be filled with obstacles. You can either find another route or plow ahead and enjoy the adventure. Disagree persuasively.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) -- Today is a 7 -- "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing." The words of Helen Keller resonate with Aquarius today. Take notes for your memoir. Create something memorable.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) -- Today is a 6 -- Intense feelings are on the rise. Learn to take advantage of them for the best. It may not be easy to make a choice. Trust your instinct.





The Easter Directory appears in the April 5 issue of the Northwest Missourian. Call 660.562.1635 for details.

DECONSTRUCTED

Let Jesus take the wheel, use Maryville DD instead of Safe Ride

BEN LAWSON

Features Editor

One of the many issues of Maryville's late-night activities is figuring out transportation. After a booze-filled night of partying, the heel-toe express doesn't sound too appealing, and driving isn't an option unless you want to spend some quality time with Maryville Public Safety. So you can try to convince one of your friends to be your designated driver, forcing him or her into a night of sobriety and frustration from dealing with drunk people, or you can call a designated driver service. Safe Ride Home is usually the only option that pops into students' heads, but many don't know there is another independent group offering late-night transportation.

Maryville DD was created Feb. 3 by Campus

Christian House employee Garrett Hawk. The program is entirely run by volunteers who use their personal cars to transport patrons. It operates in a very similar fashion to Safe Ride but with a major difference in wait time.

Monica McCollough, University Police Department, says during peak hours wait time can be anywhere between 40 to 60 minutes, but Maryville DD can be available in five to 10 minutes for a ride.

This most likely stems from the difference in the number of riders between the services. Safe Ride averages 95 to 150 riders a night, and Maryville DD only has 50 on a busy night.

Maryville DD also allows people to bring alcohol in the vehicle as long it is in a sealed container. Safe Ride does not.

Both services are free to use. Safe Ride is funded by a student fee, but volunteers for Maryville DD receive no funding. Hawk says he usually uses his personal vehicle, and all gas money comes out of his pocket. "We take tips, but it's not required," Hawk said. "We usually only make about \$2 a night in tips. Someone tipped us in Trident Layers one time-that was pretty funny."

Hawk came up with the idea for Maryville DD in December 2010. He says he was driving home late one night and saw a group of girls walking in extremely cold weather.

"I just saw people walking and thought they needed a ride," Hawk said. "I started doing this regularly just because I thought it would be a really good way to come people."

good way to serve people."

McCollough says Safe Ride has plans to make the wait time shorter for students. Safe Ride plans to eliminate their Sunday shift and shorten shifts on Wednesdays and Thursdays in order to get a third van operating earlier in the night. This new plan begins fall 2012

But until this new plan proves effective, Maryville DD appears to be the superior driver service, even though it receives no funding.



LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Safe Ride driver Vincent Polito answers a text with a pick up address and logs it into the Safe Ride van's computer during his Sunday route around Maryville. Safe Ride logs each rider and address in case of an accident.



KIRA NORTHROP | NW MISSOURIAN

Garrett Hawk watches over the Maryville DD Twitter account. Students and Residents in Maryville will send a tweet telling them where they are, and Maryville DD tweets back with a time estimate of when they will be there.

Safe Ride | University Police

Wednesday 4 p.m. - 4 a.m. Thursday 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Friday 4 p.m. - 4 a.m. Saturday 10 p.m. - 4 a.m. Sunday 10 p.m. - 2 a.m.



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The long-coveted iPhone app for taking professional quality photos on your phone finally made its way to the Android Tuesday, giving iPhone users one less thing to brag about.

Brow power

Kentucky freshman Anthony Davis swept the major player of the year honors and led the University of Kentucky to the national championship. It's all about the brow.



Ashton Kutcher as Steve Jobs

Goofball romantic comedy star Ashton Kutcher is slated to play Steve Jobs in the upcoming biopic, "Jobs." How Kutcher went for screwball rolls like Michael Kelso on "That '70s Show" is perplexing movie fans across the globe.

'Jack and Jill' at the Razzies

Adam Sandler's "Jack and Jill" swept the annual Razzie awards, a spoof awards show for the worst films of the year. The film broke Razzie records, earning all 10 awards, including worst film. Sandler won both best actor and actress for playing the male and female lead in "Jack and Jill." Let this be a lesson to filmmakers everywhere-cross dressing is a bad idea.



In this week's Stroller, Your man makes suggestions for April Fool's day including one involving

THE STROLLER:

Your man wants more creative April Fools' pranks

You guys have no idea how disappointed I am in all of you. This weekend I scanned social media pages with diligence that would shame stalkers, followed people with a tenacity that would earn me volumes of restraining orders and listened in on more conversations than the government does (wait, that last one is impossible. Stupid Big Brother) and I heard absolutely zero good April Fools' pranks.

It doesn't take a genius (aka me) to explain the lack of concern for one of mankind's greatest holidays. You were all too busy reading "Hunger Games." I get it, OK? Some book distracted you from replacing your roommates' soap bars with a potato or urinating in your dorm's air conditioning system.

I'm not sure if all you Hunger Gamers know this, but you're reading a teen novel. I actually took the time to read one of the books. It was... mediocre. Contrived, even. I enjoyed it in the way you would enjoy watching old "Sesame Street" episodes. Just so you know, the book you're tweeting about and carrying around like it's freaking show and tell is the same book that 12-and 13- year-olds are talking about. Congratulations, now we have even less to separate us from the teeny bopper club.

Guys, you should be doubly ashamed (insert man card comment here). Back in my day, men had moustaches and read Tolstoy. All you have is peach fuzz and a cute, little, hormonal teen drama cleverly

disguised as a social commentary on dystopia. But the real injustice is that you missed April

Fools' Day. So I'll just tell you about my escapades.
You know those really big trucks that all the
Carhartt-wearing rednecks drive around? You
know, the ones that wouldn't be more American
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know, the ones that wouldn't be more American if they ran on AIDS and had crunchy, fried bacon coming out the tailpipe? Besides compensation for undergrown genitals, guys drive them as a smoke-spewing, gas-guzzling, Toby Keith-rocking middle finger to al-Qaida. So I gradually filled one of them with more and more gas every day. The owner was so embarrassed for actually getting good gas mileage he shamefully removed his "Git-R-Done" decal from the back window.

Then, because I was feeling especially sinister, I did something that I'm almost too ashamed to admit. Yes, this was a new low for me, but it had to be done in the name of April Fools' Day. Squeamish, please look away. This is your last chance, I'm warning you! I emptied my roommate's Heinz Ketchup bottle and filled it back up with Hunt's.

Such a sin could surely bring about the end of civilization as we know it and put us in a world where we have to fight each other for food. If that ever happens, all of you "Hunger Games" nerds can tell me "I told you so" as many times as you want.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

'Wrath of the Titans' overwhelms, exhausts viewers

ERIC MIZENER

Heinz ketchup.

Missourian Reporter

Sometimes when making a new recipe for the first time certain ingredients may go missing that result in a disappointing final product, a turnout that you didn't expect. Let's run through this again: we have mythological beasts, heroes galore and even the gods themselves. I don't get it. "Wrath of the Titans" has all the makings to be both grand and epic. Why did I leave feeling so

This sequel to the 2010 blockbuster "Clash of the Titans" finds Sam Worthington ("Avatar") reviving his role as Perseus. Zeus, played by Liam Neeson ("Taken"), is also back as Perseus' father, who watches his son settle down into a calmer life of fishing. However, this is easier said than done, as the ancient gods are losing their touch with man. At the same time, the Titans are doing their best to escape their hell in response to Zeus' loss of power. Once they come knocking on Perseus' door, it's time for him to put down the fishing pole and bring the fight right back.

Of course, this movie wouldn't be close to Hollywood proportions without fantastic amounts of CG monsters, creatures and mythical beasts. If you've seen any of the trailers or previews for "Wrath of the Titans", then you've probably seen the biggest and best monsters this movie has to offer. It's disappointing, not unlike seeing a preview for a comedy and not realizing they showed all of the funny parts in the

trailers until after you have to sit through the disappointing remainder of the film.

The action also gets difficult to follow at times. Some of the underworld fight scenes found me cocking my head to the side as I muttered to myself the same questions I did when watching all of Michael Bay's "Transformers" movies. What am I watching right now? Who is winning? Which way is up? Director Jonathan Liebesman ("Battle: Los Angeles") swings the camera between all kinds of shots that result in mass confusion when the action gets intense. Going from a point-ofview shot to a ground shot and then an overhead shot in seven seconds equals a big headache when keeping score of who is winning which fight.

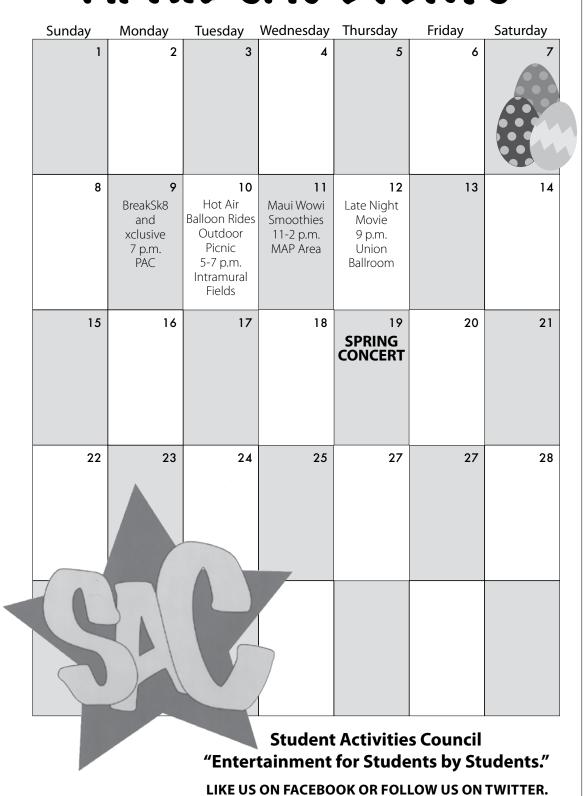
After all this, I guess the per-

fect recipe for a successful sequel is missing some key ingredients. The CG is overwhelming, the dialog is uninspired and the action gets to be too much to tell what is going on. "Wrath of the Titans" isn't a bad movie by any means. It had star power. It had a perfect setting. It had the budget to be something special. The most disappointing thing about this movie is leaving and knowing that it could have been so much more than the sum of its parts.



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MIAA STANDINGS		
MINA STATUTIOS	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo	23-5	18-4
Emporia State	19-8	15-7
Mo. Western	19-9	12-6
Mo. Southern	19-11	12-10
Washburn	13-12	9-9
Southwest Baptist	14-13-1	9-9
Pitt. State	11-14	9-9
Fort Hays	11-15	9-12
NORTHWEST	9-20	8-12
Truman	6-20	5-17
Lincoln (Mo.)	3-22	3-14

April 6:

Mo. Western at NORTHWEST Southwest Baptist at Truman Central Mo. at Lincoln (Mo.) Pitt. State at Fort Hays Mo. Southern at Washburn Central Okla. at Emporia St.

MHS BASEBALL

MEC STANDINGS		
	Overall	MEC
Smithville	2-0	0-0
Chillicothe	1-0	0-0
LeBlond	1-0	0-0
Savannah	1-0	0-0
MARYVILLE	1-1	0-0
Benton	1-1	0-0
Cameron	0-0	0-0
Lafayette	0-1	0-0

April 5:

Maryville at Cameron

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NW SOFTBALL

MIAA STANDINGS		
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Pitt. State	21-16	8-0
Mo. Western	29-6	12-2
Fort Hays	20-12	7-5
Mo. Southern	12-23	4-4
Washburn	13-17	5-7
Southwest Baptist	11-19	3-7
Lincoln (Mo.)	10-26	3-9
NORTHWEST	12-22	2-8
Truman	16-21	1-9
Central Mo	16-23	1-9

April 6:

Lindenwood at Lincoln (Mo.) Emporia St. at Mo. Southern Northeastern St. at Washburn S.W. Baptist at NORTHWEST Central Ökla. at Fort Hays Central Mo. at Truman

MHS GIRLS' SOCCER

MEC STANDINGS		
MEC SIANDINGS	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE	2-0	0-0
Cameron	0-0	0-0
Benton	0-0	0-0
LeBlond	0-0	0-0
Savannah	0-0	0-0
Smithville	0-0	0-0
Chillicothe	0-0	0-0
Lafayette	0-1	0-0

April 5:

Maryville at Lafayette

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BSU members spent their spring break volunteering in Joplin, Mo. cleaning up debris from the May 2011 tornado.

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Golf takes top 2 spots, wins at home

CHRIS SCHOONOVER

Assistant Sports Editor

A team full of new varsity faces showed their tenacity as they came out of their first home meet victori-

The Spoofhounds were led by junior Trey Maughan, who shot a 42 to claim medalist honors.

"Trey Maughan just stayed with it," head coach Brenda Ricks said. "He had a rough start, and he ended up putting up for eagle on his last hole."

Junior Kyle Leslie shot a 45 on the day, giving the 'Hounds the two lowest scores of the tournament.

"I think the top two (Maughan and Leslie) showed good course management, and I think the others are going to learn from it and get some good course management skills," Ricks said. "We just have to keep playing to get those."

Sophomore Dustin Wolters finished his day at Mozingo with a

Junior Wade Tobin shot 51 on the day, while fellow junior Trevor Schafer finished one stroke behind Tobin with a score of 52.

Schafer, who finished last on Maryville's roster, still managed to outshoot everybody on the Benton

The 'Hounds finished with an overall score of 188, beating out Smithville by five strokes.

Benton struggled throughout the meet, finishing with a score of 248.

The Spoofhounds look to continue their solid play at 1:30 Tuesdays at the Shanendoah Tourna-

"I think the most important thing for us is to keep chipping and putting," Ricks said. "But we also need to work on our short game and course management.

"I was looking at this to be a rebuilding year, but they very well could do as well as last year's team as long as they keep working."



Sophomore Dustion Wolters sets his ball in place on the putting green at the match against Benton/Smithville at Mozingo Lake Golf Course on Monday. Wolters shot a 50 to help the Spoofhounds to the win on Monday.



AMANDA MONROE | NW MISSOURIAN

Freshman forward Ashton Reuter pushes past an Auburn defender Tuesday.

Soccer builds confidence with big wins

JASON LAWRENCE

Sports Editor

Freshman forward Ashton Reuter sent Auburn (Neb.) home the same way the Spoofhounds sent their first opponent of the season, Lafayette, home - with a 10-0

Reuter mercy-ruled the Bulldogs on her third goal of the game in the 57th minute.

"She's got both the desire and hustle, and she's got the ability and strength. She's got everything I would want in a forward, and I'm pleased about that," head coach Bayo Oludaja said. "I'm glad that she's just a freshman, not a senior yet, so we'll have her longer."

The Spoofhounds jumped out to a quick 4-0 lead in the first nine minutes. Sophomore midfielder Cassie Holtman kicked off the scoring in the second minute, before junior forward Alyssa Stiens doubled the lead three minutes

Reuter struck in the seventh and ninth minutes before Oludaja

subbed in many of his younger players.

"I played everybody that showed up today that could play," Oludaja said. "I played everyone for two reasons: one because they don't have a JV. I wanted to make sure that everybody on the team could play."

Freshman midfielder Maddie Jones knocked home a goal in the 17th minute, and the 'Hounds went on a 13-minute scoring lapse.

Stiens scored her second goal of the match in the 30th minute after subbing back in, and the Bulldogs finally took their first shot of the game with 9:55 to go in the first

"I told them at halftime that my concern is that this is only our second game and both games have been relatively easy," Oludaja said. "I don't want them to now start thinking that the rest of the season will be that way."

Sophomore defender Anny Van de Ven scored in the 40th minute to send the Spoofhounds into halftime up 7-0.

Stiens opened up the second half by scoring in the 45th minute, giving her the hat trick and a teamleading nine goals through two

midfielder Gabby

Church beat Auburn keeper Brooke Taylor in the 48th minute before Reuter ended the match with her hat trick from just outside the box in the 57th minute. "I wanted them to use the time

Junior

as real practice in preparation for, hopefully, what will be a better challenge against Lafayette Thursday," Oludaja said.

The pair of 10-0 wins has given the 'Hounds confidence as they head into MEC play and bigger challenges.

"I think it does give us some confidence, and it has enabled me to see just what we have in our younger ones, and I think we've got quite a bit to work with," Oludaja

The 'Hounds are back in action Thursday in their conference opener against Lafayette. Kick off is set for 5 p.m. in St. Joseph.

BEARCATS

Eric McGlauflin



Sophomore designated hitter Eric McGlauflin went 7-for-9 with eight RBI and five runs in helping Northwest take the last two games of the series from Truman last weekend.

Cassie Lowell



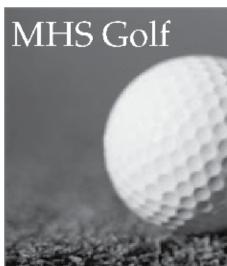
Sophomore Cassie Lowell led Northwest to its first team title of the spring season with a second place 161 at the Green & Gold Classic Monday and Tuesday.

Alyssa Stiens



Junior forward Alyssa Stiens scored three goals and assisted on another in helping Maryville to a second straight 10-0 win, over Auburn (Neb.) Tuesday.

Maryville Golf



The Spoofhound boy's golf team shot 188 as a team to beat Smithville by five strokes at Mozingo on Monday. Juniors Trey Maughan and Kyle Leslie shot 43 and 45 to lead the team.

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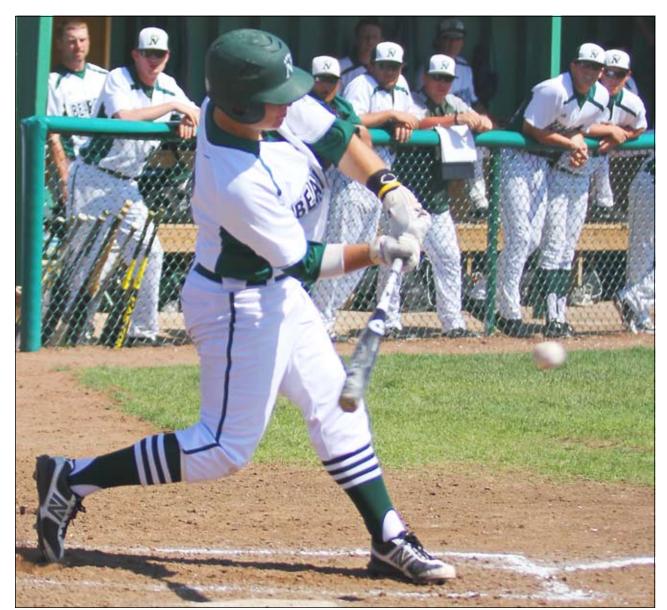
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LORI FRANKENFIELD | NW MISSOURIAN

Junior Eric Swain takes a cut at the ball against Missouri Southern March 25. Swain is at or near the top of every offensive category.

Transfer shortstop makes a mark

CRAIG SIMS

Missourian Reporter

The word change is not something that people like to embrace.

For any athlete making the leap from junior college to NCAA Division II, change is almost inevitable in every aspect of the game.

From changes in the style of competition to the pace of the game, it can be a lot for a transfer baseball player to digest at first.

But this is something junior Eric Swain has fully embraced in his first season as a Bearcat.

'The biggest adjustment for me so far has been the higher level of competition," Swain said. "In Division II it seems like the teams are closer knit to one another. and the game is played at a higher level."

Coming off a two-year career at Iowa Central Community College where he played an instrumental part in his team getting to the NJCAA World Series in 2010, Swain is part of a 2011-'12 transfer class that proves just how important experience is to a team's productivity.

"Being a transfer, my coaches instituted a good work ethic in me to try and do what I can to better not only myself but my team," Swain said. "I hope I have brought along some good leadership qualities and a good work ethic to help out Northwest.

Along the way of making some of these adjustments, Swain is leading the 'Cats in a plethora of major offensive cat-

He leads the Bearcats in home runs (7), RBIs (29), slugging percentage (.688) and total bases (75). He is second on the team in runs scored (29) and hits (43).

The biggest thing with Eric is how disciplined of a hitter he is," head coach Darin Loe said. "He doesn't let pitchers get him out. A lot of guys with that many home runs would be swinging for the fences every single time, but he is disciplined at the plate and takes his walks and bunts. Then when that ball gets elevated in the zone, he has enough bat speed that when he hits it, it goes."

With 21 games to go until the MIAA Tournament in May, Swain's seven homers are more than any Bearcat accomplished last season.

"I have never really been a big-power type of hitter before," Swain said. "I look to hit the first fastball I see, and I have been able to catch a couple balls that I needed to hit, and they left the yard."

Swain mentioned that chasing the single-season home run record of 18, or following any record for that matter, are not things that cross his mind.

"I'm just going to keep working hard and get in the batting cages as much as I can and use the same swing I always do. If it leaves the yard, it leaves the yard. Records aren't things that I set my goals to. Eighteen homers is a little much anyways; I don't know if I could catch that."

With Swain batting No. 3 in the lineup and starting all 29 games so far at shortstop, it seems that his approach at the plate is just what the Bearcats need to help boost the team's offense.

"When Eric is hitting well, we as a team are playing well," Loe said. "Teams are starting to pitch around him, and it's giving us more of a chance to get runners in scoring position and RBIs for players down the lineup behind him."

Elements of change can exist in all parts of the game, but with experience and the ability to settle into the box, Northwest has a strong nucleus to build on

"With Swain and the other players on this team, we as coaches ask for them to make the routine plays, an occasional great play, and if we can do that, we will be a good ball club," Loe said.

Men's tennis takes 5 straight, Rosewell reaches 900 wins

DALTON VITT

Chief Reporter

The Northwest men's tennis team hit a pair of milestones this week, one being a historic step for head coach Mark Rosewell.

Entering Saturday's doubleheader in Tulsa, Okla., against Newman University and Dallas Baptist, Rosewell was sitting on 898 wins in his collegiate coaching career.

The Bearcats swept both teams 5-0, giving Rosewell his 900th win. "I was hoping (I could get to 900

this season), but I wasn't sure because a lot of things," Rosewell said. "We didn't know exactly what we had and so forth, so it's worked out well."

Rosewell said the more important statistic in his mind is his career winning percentage.

'(Nine-hundred wins) is great and everything, but I think the winning percentage is more important," he said. "I think the winning percentage is like two wins for every loss, so that's pretty good."

The other milestone the 'Cats passed came Sunday when they shut out Truman State 9-0, earning them their fifth straight victory.

Rosewell said he hopes his team is prepared for the backstretch of the season, but will have to deal with a key injury.

"Óur No. 1 player, Calvin Patterson, has an injury, and we don't know how serious that is," Rosewell said. "You can't sit around and cry about it because one of your athletes is hurt. This happens all the time in all sports. That's why you, hopefully, recruit depth, and hopefully the other (players) can pick it up."

Rosewell said the injury is to Patterson's shoulder, and that it has flared up on him recently.

Patterson did compete this weekend in the doubles competition against Newman and the singles competition against Truman.

Rosewell said it will be key for his team to finish the season strong before heading into the postseason.

"It's very important (to finish strong) because we're in our conference season now," Rosewell said.

The women's team has had a rougher go as of late, but did get a 9-0 win over Truman Sunday.

'We've gotten beat by some really good teams," Rosewell said. "Conference-wise, we were second last year, and we certainly have a chance of winning if everything falls right."

Rosewell said most of the women's problems are due to a lack of ex-

"We were lacking a little bit of experience, but I think we're picking that up now by playing all these good teams," Rosewell said. "We played outstanding (Sunday) with both teams winning 9-0, 9-0, and you just can't do any better than that."

The men head to Kansas City Thursday to take on UMKC, while the women will play Friday against Fort Hays State in Maryville.



ERIC BAINES | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Erika Leston prepares to return the ball to a UMKC opponent in April 26's game during her No. 2 doubles match at Frank Grube Courts. Tennis coach Mark Rosewell walked away from the teams Tusla, Okla. double header with his 900th win last Saturday.

1st round draft analysis



Being a draft analyst in any sport has to be the best job ever. You get to guess at what you think a team is going to do. Millions of people do that weekly, but a draft analyst's happens to get published. So I am going to give it my own shot in an attempt to secure a job in the future.

1. Colts- QB Andrew Luck (Stanford)

Luck is coming out of Stanford as one of the most highly touted NFL prospects since John Elway. The kid has so many tools and is an underrated athlete. He doesn't have RGIII speed but has the physical tools to make plays with his feet.

2. Redskins- QB Robert Griffin III (Baylor)

RGIII came out of nowhere this season to win the Heisman and put Baylor football back on the map. He is an amazing athlete, but does not always rely on his legs to make plays. He has a great arm and is a great character guy that you want to lead your franchise.

3. Vikings- OT Matt Kalil (USC)

The Vikings are planning to roll with last year's first-round pick, Christian Ponder, under center, so they will need to protect him along with running back Adrian Peterson. They have more holes to fill, but they will have their left tackle filled for years.

4. Browns- RB Trent Richardson (Alabama)

I do not believe Colt McCoy is the answer at quarterback, but there is not a franchise quarterback available at this point. Peyton Hillis left for KC, leaving a huge hole at running back. Richardson is the best in this class by

5. Buccaneers- CB Morris Claiborne (LSU)

Justin Blackmon would be an intriguing option here, but the Bucs should go with the LSU corner. Two seasons ago the Bucs were not that bad, but Josh Freeman played terrible this year. I think the offense is fine, but they are aging on the defensive side of the ball.

6. Rams- WR Justin Blackmon (Oklahoma St.)

Blackmon is the best wide receiver to come out since Megatron was selected by the Lions. He has huge hands, 4.4 speed and has made life terrible for Big 12 defenders for two years. If Blackmon falls this far, the Rams will sprint to the podium, and Sam Bradford will be throwing a party in the Lou that everyone is invited

7. Jaguars- OT Riley Reiff (Iowa)

Reiff is a good character guy and will be another no-name recruit that coach Ferentz has sent to the NFL. Much like a lot of the teams in the top 10, the Jags have a lot of holes to fill. You get Reiff to help out Jones-Drew and to protect Blaine Gabbert's blind side.

8. Dolphins- DE Quinton Coples (UNC)

The Dolphins need a quarterback very badly, but Ryan Tannehill from Texas A&M is not the answer. Next year Matt Barkley will be available along with Tyler Wilson and Landry Jones. Coples is a physical freak and is ready to play right now.

9. Panthers- WR Michael Floyd (Notre Dame)

Floyd's numbers at Notre Dame were not mind blowing like Blackmon's, but with the constant changing at quarterback, he never got a chance to build chemistry. Cam Newton had the best rookie season from a quarterback since Peyton Manning. This could be a duo to look out for for years.

10. Bills- DE/OLB Melvin Ingram (South Carolina)

Ingram could pair up with Mario Williams to have a unique and dangerous pass rush. He could put his hand down on the line or drop back into coverage as a linebacker.

